

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3854

INFO AMCONSUL MUNICH IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, GW

SUBJECT: RFE/RL

REFS: (A) BONN 20064; (B) STATE 293685

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT BIB HAS APPROVED A DE FACTO  
UPGRADING OF THE POSITION OF THE RFE/RL EXECUTIVE VICE  
PRESIDENT IN MUNICH.

2. WHILE WE THINK THIS DECISION HAS MERIT IN PRINCIPLE,  
WE FEAR THAT MAKING AND ANNOUNCING IT SO SOON AFTER  
CHAIRMAN GRONOUSKI'S MEETINGS HERE MAY PROVOKE AN  
UNFAVORABLE GERMAN REACTION. THE GERMANS MAY WELL  
HAVE FELT, AFTER THOSE MEETINGS (REF A), THAT WE WOULD  
DELAY OUR DECISION TO GIVEMORE TIME FOR  
CONSULTATION AND REFLECTION.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS MOVE MIGHT HEIGHTEN FRG  
SENSITIVITIES REGARDING THE RADIO AT A TIME WHEN A  
DECISION IS NEAR ON THE HOLZKIRCHEN MODERNIZATION  
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APPLICATION, AND COULD JEOPARDIZE THE APPLICATION.

4. WE REALIZE THAT THE BIB ACTION, SEEN FROM AN  
ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINT, IS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND  
THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE LITTLE SENTIMENT FOR A  
REVERSAL OR POSTPONEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, WE  
BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THE BIB BE FULLY COGNIZANT

OF FRG CONCERNS AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BOARD'S ACTION COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE RADIO'S OPERATION AS A WHOLE. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT BIB CHAIRMAN GRONOUSKI OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WALTER ROBERTS AND EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS AND OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY DELAY MAKING OR ANNOUNCING THE DECISION UNTIL WE HAVE MORE TIME TO PAVE THE WAY. WE WILL DEFER INFORMING THE FRG OF THE DECISION PENDING A RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE.

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